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19. In conclusion the association begs to urge upon Government the imperative need of cancelling forthwith the withdrawal of the concessions and to see that the legitimate needs of the people are met as far as possible and are not altogether denied and also to take on hand the changes proposed herein as early as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) _____,

Secretary, *The South Kanara
Landholders' Association.*

MANGALORE,
8th November 1933.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide item IV at page 141 supra.]

BILL No. 11 OF 1933.

THE MADRAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES BILL.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

WE, the members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Madras Public Libraries Bill (Bill No. 11 of 1933), have the honour to submit the following report.

2. The Bill was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English on the 15th August 1933, in Tamil, Kanarese and Telugu on the 3rd October 1933 and in Malayalam on the 24th October 1933.

3. We met on the 11th and 12th December 1933 and on the 16th January 1934 and considered the provisions of the Bill. On the 18th January 1934, we met and passed our report.

4. We have made various changes in the Bill. The following are some of the more important of them.

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Clause 3.

The draft Bill had not provided for bringing within its scope private libraries. They have now been brought within its scope. A definition has been accordingly added to clause 3 defining a "recognized library."

Clause 6.

It is desirable to specify as far as possible in one place the powers and duties of the Provincial Library Committee. Clause 6 has therefore been so amended as to enumerate the powers and duties of the Provincial Library Committee.

As regards the constitution of the Committee, the names of the Director of Public Instruction, the Librarian of the Connemara Public Library, the Librarian of the Madras University Library and one member appointed by each of the linguistic library committees to be constituted under the Act, have been added. The provision for the representation of the Madras Library Association by two members elected by its Council has been omitted and in its stead the number of persons to be nominated by the Local Government has been increased from two to four. It is expected that in nominating persons to the Committee, the Local Government will take into consideration the claims of established library associations in the Presidency, to due representation on the Committee.

A new chapter has been added after Chapter III to provide for the constitution of Linguistic library committees. The constitution of such committees is to be provided for by rules framed for the purpose by the Local Government. The powers of the Linguistic library committees shall be merely advisory.

A new clause has been added after clause 7 of the Bill in order to give direct power to the local library authorities to establish and maintain public libraries.

Clause 8.

In regard to the constitution of every local library authority, the District Educational Officer has been added as ex-officio member of the Library Committee of the district board concerned; and a new clause has been

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added empowering local library authorities to act under this Act where any conflict should arise between the powers given under this Act and the powers already possessed by them under their constitution.

A new chapter regarding recognized libraries has been added and it provides that no charge shall be levied for admission to a recognized library or for the use of the library within the premises. While public libraries will be under an obligation to lend out free of charge, private libraries are not obliged to do so. Provision has also been made for grants being made to recognized libraries by the Local Government, Corporation of Madras, district boards and municipalities and for inspection of them.

Clause 31.

The rule-making power of the Local Government has been extended so as to include, as a necessary consequence of the amendments already proposed, rules for the conditions of the recognition of libraries as recognized libraries, for constituting linguistic library committees and for making contributions and grants-in-aid to recognized libraries. We have also decided that the rules framed by the Local Government under section 31 should be placed on the table of the Legislative Council before they become final.

5. As the changes made by us are not very material we do not think it necessary that the Bill should be republished.

A copy of the Bill as amended by us is annexed.

YAKUB HASAN (*Chairman*).

P. SUBBARAYAN.

BASHEER AHMED SAYEED.

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN.

R. MADANAGOPAL.

R. K. VENUGOPAL.

MAHBOOB ALI BAIG.

A. B. SHETTY.

P. S. CHETTY.

K. V. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR.

V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR.

GANALA RAMAMURTI.

T. S. RAMASAMI AYYAR.

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H. M. JAGANNATH.
C. BASU DEV.
M. SCHAMNAD.
W. ERLAM SMITH.
M. S. SRESHTA.
U. C. S. BHATT.
C. NATESAN.
V. M. RAMASWAMI.
K. ALAMELUMANGATHAYARAMMA.
V. T. ARASU.
V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI.
P. BAYAPPA REDDI.
T. M. MOIDOO.
P. C. MOSES.
SAMI VENKATACHALAM.
S. KUMARASWAMI.
S. M. K. BEYABANI.
B. POCKER.
E. C. SMITH.
V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI.
N. GOPALASWAMI.

MINUTE OF DISSENT.

Under clause 4, the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards or such other officer as the Local Government may direct *shall be* the Director of Public Libraries. Under clause 5, the Director shall superintend and direct all matters relating to public libraries and connected with the exercise of powers and performance of duties by local bodies under the Act. He will be ex officio Secretary of the Provincial Library Committee constituted under clause 6. The Committee can delegate to the Director any of its powers and duties detailed in clause 6 (1). The Director seems to have the duty of distributing grants to local library authorities and to recognized libraries. Under clause 11 (1), the Director will have to scrutinize schemes for constitution of libraries and under clause 19 (2) he will have to scrutinize schemes for removal of illiteracy.

Clause 6 (3).

Clause 6 (1)

(a).

Clause 6 (1)

(12).

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All these will add very substantially to the Inspector's work if he is to be the Director of Public Libraries under the Act. I do not consider that the office of the Inspector can take on more work than it has at present. I may add that I can find no provision in the Bill indicating who should bear the cost of the superintending staff proposed to be employed.

22nd January 1934.

E. CONRAN SMITH.

BILL No. 11 OF 1933.

THE MADRAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES BILL.

'As amended by the Select Committee.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a system of Public Libraries, and for the comprehensive development and organization of rural and urban library service, in the Presidency of Madras;

AND WHEREAS the previous sanction of the Governor-General has been obtained to the passing of this Act;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I.

Preliminary.

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| Short title. | 1. This Act may be called the Madras Public Libraries Act, 193 . |
| Local extent. | 2. It shall extend to the whole of the Presidency of Madras. |
| Interpretation. | 3. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,— |
| “ Director. ” | (1) “ Director ” means the Director of Public Libraries; |
| “ Public Library. ” | (2) “ Public Library ” means a Library museum or art gallery established or maintained under the provisions of this Act or the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, or the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, or the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, as amended from time to time; and |

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- (3) "Recognized Library" means a Library museum or art gallery established and maintained by an individual or a body other than (i) the Government, (ii) a local library authority, (iii) an university, (iv) an educational institution like a school or college, and other than one established under the provisions of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, or the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, but recognized under the provisions of this Act in accordance with the rules made thereunder.

CHAPTER II.

Control of Public Libraries.

4. The Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities or such other officer as the Local Government may direct shall be the Director of Public Libraries. Director of Public Libraries.

5. Subject to the control of the Local Government, the Director shall superintend and direct all matters relating to Public Libraries and connected with the exercise of powers and performance of duties by local bodies under this Act. Duties of Director.

CHAPTER III.

Constitution of Provincial Library Committee.

6. (1) The Local Government shall constitute a Provincial Library Committee which shall have the following powers and duties:— Constitution of Provincial Library Committee.

- (a) To make recommendations to the Local Government on schemes and by-laws submitted under this Act by Local Library authorities.
- (b) To make recommendations to the Local Government on any proposal by a Local Library Authority to raise a library rate.
- (c) To advise the Local Government on the amount that should be set apart every year for contribution towards the library fund maintained by Local Library Authorities and for payment as grant-in-aid to recognized libraries.

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- (d) To submit to the Local Government proposals to award special grants to Local Library Authorities and to recognized libraries for specific purposes.
- (e) To advise the Local Government on the request received from a Local Library Authority for sanction to borrow money for any of the purposes under this Act.
- (f) To maintain a list of recognized libraries and to include in the list and to remove from it the names of libraries from time to time.
- (g) To arrange for the periodic inspection of Public Libraries and recognized libraries.
- (h) To submit for consideration by the Local Government draft rules for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act.
- (i) To frame standing orders to regulate its own business.
- (j) To constitute committees for dealing with questions coming within its purview and to delegate any of its powers to them.
- (k) To delegate any of its powers to the Director of Public Libraries.
- (l) To frame regulations for the guidance of the Director of Public Libraries in distributing the grants to Local Library Authorities and to recognized libraries.
- (m) To frame regulations for the academic and professional qualifications necessary for different grades of librarians and library staff.
- (n) To arrange for the professional training of librarians and library staff either through the universities or other agencies or by the maintenance of a School of Library Science.
- (o) To stimulate the publication of books suitable for Public Libraries and of proper bibliographical standard.
- (p) To arrange for the publication of book lists from time to time for helping Library Committees of Local Library Authorities and recognized libraries, in book selection.

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- (q) To arrange for research in and standardization of library practice, library furniture and library apparatus.
- (r) To consider the annual report submitted by the Director of Public Libraries and submit the same with modifications, if necessary, to the Local Government on the progress made by the Local Library Authorities in regard to the working of this Act.
- (s) To frame model schemes for the guidance of Local Library Authorities.
- (t) To frame model by-laws for the guidance of Local Library Authorities.
- (u) To frame model library rules for the guidance of Library Committees of Local Library Authorities and recognized libraries.
- (v) To refer specific questions to linguistic Library Committees under this Act and to consider their advice and to take such action on it as may be deemed necessary.
- (w) To convene conferences of representatives of Local Library Authorities and other bodies interested in library work to consider general questions of library policy and library standards.
- (x) To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper administration and execution of this Act and the rules and regulations framed thereunder.

(2) The Committee shall consist of the following Membership.
members, namely:—

- (a) the Minister in charge of Education;
- (b) the Director;
- (c) the Director of Public Instruction, Madras;
- (d) the Librarian, Connemara Public Library;
- (e) the Librarian, Madras University Library;

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- (f) one member appointed by each of the Linguistic Library Committees constituted under this Act;
- (g) three persons elected by the Legislative Council; and
- (h) four persons appointed by the Local Government.

President
and
Secretary.

(3) The Minister in charge of Education and the Director shall respectively be the President and the Secretary of the Committee.

Term of
office.

(4) Members of the Committee other than *ex officio* members shall hold office for three years from the date of their election or appointment, as the case may be.

Chapter IV.

Constitution of Linguistic Library Committees.

Constitution
of Linguis-
tic Library
Committees.

7. (1) There shall be a Linguistic Library Committee for each of the following languages, namely, Tamil, Malayalam, Kanarese, Telugu, Urdu and such other languages which the Provincial Committee may decide upon, to be constituted by the Local Government in accordance with the rules framed for that purpose.

Powers and
duties.

(2) The Linguistic Library Committee shall advise the Provincial Library Committee on such matters arising under this Act, as may be referred to them.

CHAPTER V.

Constitution of Local Library Authority.

Local
Library
Authority.

8. (1) For the purpose of organizing and administering Public Libraries there shall be a Local Library Authority for the area of each Municipality and each District Board.

Its constitu-
tion.

(2) Such Authority shall be—

- (a) for the City of Madras, the Corporation of Madras;
- (b) for a District Municipality, the Municipal Council thereof; and
- (c) for the area of every District Board, the District Board of the district.

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9. In addition to the powers in this behalf which a Local Library Authority may possess under any other enactment for the time being, it shall be competent to a Local Library Authority to establish and maintain Public Libraries.

10. For the area of every Local Library Authority, there shall also be a Library Committee, constituted in accordance with the scheme made under the provisions of this Act:

authenticated
by the
Library
Committee.

Provided that the District Educational Officer shall be an ex officio member of the Library Committee for the District Board.

The powers and duties of Local Library Authorities in respect of libraries shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this Act, notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment for the time being.

11. (1) Any Local Library Authority may, and, if required by the Local Government, shall submit to the Local Government through the Director, a scheme setting forth the manner in which it proposes to constitute the Library Committee for its area and to perform its duties and exercise its powers in relation to Public Libraries.

Submission
of Scheme
by Local
Library
Authority.

(2) Every scheme for the constitution of a Library Committee shall, wherever possible, provide, that not less than two of its members shall be persons, who, in the opinion of the Local Library Authority, possess special qualifications for serving on the Library Committee, though they may not be members of the Local Library Authority.

Terms of
Scheme.

(3) Every scheme submitted by a District Board shall specify the number of villages or panchayats its library service is proposed to reach, any arrangements it has made with them for contribution to its library fund and other matters, if any, conducive to the efficiency of its rural library service. It may also provide for constituting Village Library Committees, wherever necessary, for advising its Library Committee on the local requirements.

Special
terms of a
District
Board
Scheme and
Village
Library
Committee.

(4) Before submitting a scheme under this section, the Local Library Authority shall publish its

Publication
of Scheme.

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proposals in such manner as it may consider suitable or as the Local Government may require, and shall consider any representations made to it by any person or body of persons in respect thereof.

Modification
and replace-
ment by new
scheme.

(5) Any scheme under this section may, with the approval of the Local Government, be modified or replaced by a new scheme; and the provisions of subsection (4) shall apply to such new scheme in like manner as they apply to an original scheme submitted under this section.

CHAPTER VI.

Approval of Scheme.

Approval of
Scheme by
Local Gov-
ernment.

12. (1) The Local Government may approve any scheme submitted to them under this Act by a Local Library Authority, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Local Library Authority to give effect to the scheme.

Return of
Scheme.

(2) If the Local Government are of opinion that a scheme does not make adequate provision for all or any of the purposes to which the scheme relates or that the scheme requires modification for any other reason, they may return the same to the Local Library Authority with suggestions for its modification.

CHAPTER VII.

Powers and Duties of Library Committee.

Reference to
Library
Committee.

13. (1) All matters relating to the performance of any duties or the exercise of any powers under this Act by a Local Library Authority (other than the power of raising a rate or borrowing money) shall be referred to the Library Committee appointed for its area, and the Local Library Authority before performing any duties or exercising any powers, shall receive and consider such report:

Provided that in cases where in the opinion of a Local Library Authority, a matter is urgent, such reference or consideration shall not be necessary:

Provided further that where action has been taken by a Local Library Authority on the ground of urgency, without such reference or consideration, a

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report of the action taken and the circumstances which necessitated the taking of such action, shall be placed before the Library Committee at its next meeting.

(2) The Local Library Authority may delegate to the Library Committee, subject to such restrictions or conditions as it may impose, any powers or duties under this Act (other than the power of raising a rate or borrowing money). Delegation to Library Committee.

14. A Library Committee may, subject to any directions of the Local Library Authority, appoint such and so many sub-committees consisting either wholly or partly of members of the Committee, as it thinks fit. Appointment of Sub-Committees.

CHAPTER VIII.

Co-operation and Constitution of Regional Committee.

15. (1) For the purpose of performing any duties or exercising any powers under this Act, a Local Library Authority may enter into such arrangements as it may think proper for co-operation with any other Local Library Authority or Authorities and any such arrangements may provide for the appointment of a Joint Committee, for the delegation to that Committee of any powers or duties of the Local Library Authorities (other than the power of raising a rate or borrowing money), for the contribution to be paid by each such Local Library Authority, and for any other matters which may be necessary for carrying out the arrangement. Arrangement for co-operation

(2) A report of the arrangements made under sub-section (1) and of the constitution, powers and duties of the Joint Committee, if any, shall, within fifteen days, be made to the Director. Report to Director.

16. (1) The Local Government may, on the application of two or more Local Library Authorities, by scheme provide for the constitution and establishment of a Regional Committee for their combined area, for such purposes as may be specified in the scheme as being purposes relating to matters of common interest Constitution of Regional Committee.

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concerning libraries which it is necessary or convenient to be dealt with in relation to a group of Local Library Authorities:

Provided that no Local Library Authority shall be included in such scheme without its consent and no Local Library Authority shall be obliged to continue in the scheme except in accordance with the provisions of the scheme to which it has consented.

Powers of
Regional
Committee.

(2) Where a Regional Committee has been constituted as above mentioned, it shall exercise such of the powers and perform such of the duties of a Local Library Authority (other than the power of raising a rate or borrowing money) as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes for which it was constituted.

Modifica-
tion and
replacement
by new
scheme.

(3) A scheme constituting a Regional Committee may, on the application of one or more of the Local Library Authorities concerned, be modified or replaced by a new scheme, and such scheme shall provide for dealing with any properties or liabilities of the Regional Committee, when the Regional Committee is discontinued.

CHAPTER IX.

Powers and Duties of Local Library Authority.

Vesting of
property.

17. All movable and immovable properties acquired or held for any Public Library, or for any of the purposes of this Act, shall be vested in the Local Library Authority concerned.

Powers and
duties of
Local
Library
Authority.

18. (1) The Local Library Authority may, for organizing and administering its Public Libraries or for exercising any powers or performing any duties under this Act—

(a) provide suitably-fitted buildings, books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, specimens of Art and Science, lantern slides, cinema reels, apparatus, other necessary materials and conveniences;

(b) acquire, purchase or hire land or other properties, and erect, take down, rebuild, alter, repair and extend buildings and fit

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up, furnish and supply the same with the requisite furniture, fittings and conveniences;

(c) accept any endowment for any purpose connected with this Act;

(d) subject to the rules framed by the Local Government in this behalf, appoint salaried officers and servants, punish and dismiss them; and

(e) provide for lectures and such other activities as may be conducive to the carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

(2) With the previous sanction of the Local Government, the Local Library Authority may discontinue any Public Library provided by it or change the site of any such institution.

Discontinu-
ance of
Public
Library and
change of
site.

19. (1) Where in the opinion of a Local Library Authority, the adult population within its area or any part or class thereof is unable by reason of illiteracy to take full advantage of the benefits of the library service provided by it, it may cause an enquiry to be made by the Library Committee touching the conditions as regards such illiteracy within the area, other schemes at work for the removal of the same, the funds, other than public funds, available for the purpose, and all other relevant matters.

Enquiry
before
scheme for
removal of
illiteracy
among
adults.

(2) The Local Library Authority shall then consider the report of the enquiry furnished by the Library Committee and submit through the Director a scheme to the Local Government setting forth any proposals as to the manner in which it intends to provide for the removal of such illiteracy and the funds it proposes to spend for the purpose.

Scheme for
removal of
illiteracy.

(3) Without prejudice to the powers above mentioned, it shall be competent to a Local Library Authority, for the like purpose,—

Co-operation
with other
persons or
bodies.

(a) to associate with any person or body of persons willing to co-operate in the matter; and

(b) to aid such person or body of persons by giving the use of such of its lands, buildings, furniture, apparatus, or other property, as may be necessary.

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But, save as provided in a scheme approved by the Local Government, it shall not expend moneys or make grants.

CHAPTER X.

Admission to Public Libraries.

Admission to
Public
Libraries.

20. No charge shall be made for admission to a Public Library provided by a Local Library Authority or, in the case of a lending library, for the use thereof by the inhabitants of the area of such Local Library Authority; but the Library Authority, if it thinks fit, may grant the use of a lending library to persons not being inhabitants of the area, either gratuitously or for payment.

By-laws by
Local
Library
Authority.

21. Subject to the provisions of this Act, a Local Library Authority may make by-laws,—

- (a) for regulating the use of the Public Libraries under its control, the contents thereof and the admission of the public thereto;
- (b) for protecting the same and the furniture and contents thereof from injury, misuse or destruction;
- (c) for requiring any guarantee or security from any person using them and against the loss of or injury to any books or other articles; and
- (d) for enabling the officers and servants of the Library Authority to exclude or remove therefrom any person offending against the provisions of this Act or the by-laws.

Offences and
punishment.

22. (1) Any person (i) who in a Public Library or other institution maintained under this Act, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person using the same—

- (a) behaves in a disorderly manner; or
- (b) uses violent, abusive or obscene language; or

(ii) who, after proper warning, persists in remaining therein beyond the hours fixed for closing;

shall be liable to be excluded or removed forthwith from the premises, and shall also be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten rupees.

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(2) An offence committed under the above sub-section shall be triable in the manner provided for summary trials by Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898. Trial of offence.

CHAPTER XI.

Acquisition and Alienation of Lands.

23. Any immovable property required by a Local Library Authority shall be deemed to be land needed for a public purpose within the meaning of section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act of 1894, and may be acquired under that Act. Acquisition under Land Acquisition Act.

24. A Local Library Authority may, with the approval of the Local Government, sell any lands or buildings vested in it, or exchange any such lands or buildings for any other lands or buildings and the money arising from the sale or received in part exchange, shall be used for the purchase of other lands or may be applied for any purposes for which capital money may be applied, as approved by the Local Government. Alienation of land.

CHAPTER XII.

Finance.

25. (1) With the previous sanction of the Local Government, a Local Library Authority may raise a library rate in such manner and at such rate as may be determined by it from time to time. Power to raise rate.

(2) Such rate when payable to a district board or a municipal council or the Corporation of Madras shall be liable to be collected in the same manner as other taxes payable under the provisions of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, or the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, respectively. Mode of collection.

26. (1) Every Local Library Authority shall maintain a fund called the Library Fund from which its expenses shall be met. Library Fund.

(2) To this fund shall be credited,—

(a) any amount raised as library rate;

Credits to Library Fund.

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- (b) the amounts, if any, which may be transferred to it from the general funds of the body which has been constituted the Local Library Authority;
- (c) amounts realized from endowments, if any;
- (d) any contributions received from other bodies or persons;
- (e) any amounts that the Local Government may contribute towards the fund; and
- (f) any special grants that the Local Government may make for specific purposes, with or without conditions or limitations.

Power to
borrow.

27. A Local Library Authority may with the sanction of the Local Government borrow money for any of the purposes under this Act on such security as the Local Government may approve.

CHAPTER XIII.

Accounts, Audit, etc.

Maintenance
of accounts.

28. (1) Separate accounts shall be kept of the receipts and expenditure of a Local Library Authority and the same shall be audited like the other accounts of the local body constituting such Local Library Authority. The audited statement and the report accompanying it shall be published in such manner as the Local Library Authority may determine or the Local Government may require.

Inspection
of accounts.

(2) All accounts maintained by a Local Library Authority shall be open, at all reasonable hours, to inspection by any rate-payer within the area and he may make copies and extracts.

CHAPTER XIV.

Inspection, Returns, Reports, etc.

Inspection
of Public
Library.

29. The Local Government may by their officers or by other organization inspect any Public Library or other institution maintained by a Local Library Authority for the purpose of satisfying themselves whether the purposes of this Act are being properly fulfilled.

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30. (1) It shall be competent to the Local Government to hold a public enquiry for the purpose of exercising any of their powers or performing any of their duties under this Act.

(2) A copy of the report of such enquiry shall be furnished to the Local Library Authority concerned before action is taken upon it.

Public enquiry.

Report to be furnished to Local Library Authority.

31. A Local Library Authority shall send such reports and returns and give such information to the Local Government as they may require.

Reports, returns, and information to Local Government.

32. The Local Government shall annually lay before the Legislative Council a report of the progress made in regard to the working of this Act during the preceding year.

Report by Local Government to Legislative Council.

CHAPTER XV.

Recognized Libraries.

33. (i) No charge shall be made for admission to a recognized library or for the use of the library within the premises.

Recognized libraries.

(ii) The Local Government, the Corporation of Madras, the district boards and the district municipalities within whose local areas a recognized library is situate may contribute to the finances of such recognized libraries subject to the rules framed in this behalf.

(iii) The Local Government may by their officers or by other organizations inspect a recognized library in order to satisfy themselves that the purposes of this Act are being properly fulfilled and that they conform to the rules.

(iv) Any person (1) who in a recognized library, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person using the same,—

(a) behaves in a disorderly manner; or

(b) uses violent, abusive, or obscene language; or

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(2) who, after proper warning, persists in remaining therein beyond the hours fixed for closing; shall be liable to be excluded or removed forthwith from the premises, and shall also be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten rupees.

(v) An offence committed under the above sub-section shall be triable in the manner provided for summary trials by Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

CHAPTER XVI.

Rules and By-laws.

Power to
make rules
by Local
Government.

Subject
matter of
rules.

34. (1) The Local Government may, by notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, make rules consistent with this Act for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide,

- (a) for prescribing outlines of the scheme to be submitted under Section 11 and the manner in which publicity shall be given to any proposed scheme;
- (b) for the maintenance of the minutes of proceedings by Local Library Authorities and the inspection thereof;
- (c) for the accounts to be maintained by the Local Library Authorities and where any powers or duties have been delegated to Library Committees, by such committees;
- (d) for the auditing of the accounts, the conditions under which rate-payers may appear before the auditors, inspect books and vouchers and take exception to items entered therein or omitted therefrom and the publication of the audited statement and the report accompanying it;
- (e) the conditions of service of the salaried officers and servants of the Local Library Authority;

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(f) the conditions of recognition of libraries as recognized libraries;

(g) for constituting linguistic library committees under this Act;

(h) for making contributions and grants-in-aid to recognized libraries by the Local Government, the Corporation of Madras, District Boards and Municipalities; and

(i) for all other matters which have to be dealt with by rules under this Act.

(3) All such rules shall be laid on the table of the Legislative Council before they become final.

35. (1) The Local Library Authority shall have power to make by-laws, not inconsistent with this Act or the rules made thereunder, for the efficient exercise of its powers, the due fulfilment of its duties and the proper administration and execution of this Act.

Power to make by-laws by Local Library Authority.

(2) Such by-laws may provide,

(a) for the procedure and meetings of the Library Committee;

Subject matter of by-laws.

(b) for defining the powers and duties of the Library Committee;

(c) for the due performance by all its officers and servants of the duties assigned to them; and

(d) for all other matters which have to be dealt with by-laws under this Act.

(3) A copy of the by-laws made under this section shall be submitted, as early as possible, to the Local Government, who may suggest such alterations or amendments thereof, as they may think fit.

Submission of by-laws to Local Government.